



September 24, 2020

Dear Volunteer:

**Warnings Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

While COVID-19 can cause mild symptoms in some individuals, it can lead to severe illness and even death in others. **Adults over age 65** and **people of any age with serious underlying medical conditions** including, but not limited to, **HIV, asthma and other respiratory conditions**, and **pregnancy**, may be a **higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19**.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign has been cleared to bring students back, and MTD has been providing transit services during the pandemic. As we provide services in the community we have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Light the Night Organizing Group **cannot guarantee** that you will not become infected with COVID-19.

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By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by volunteering onsite at the Light the Night event and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the Light the Night event may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Light the Night Organizing Group, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

**My decision to continue working onsite at the Light the Night event is voluntary, exclusively my own, and made in full understanding and acceptance of the foregoing risks and a commitment to following the safety protocols established as part of the event.**

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Volunteer Signature and Date